

WASHINGTON, DC—Today, April 22, 2009, the Department of the Interior released a slate of National Park System projects that will receive nearly \$750 million in funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) is pleased to announce that Pennsylvania will receive more than \$14 million in funding, including more than \$2 million for Valley Forge National Historic Park.

“I am proud to announce another implementation of stimulus funding that will spur our economy in the short term while also providing a long-term investment in our future,” said Congressman Sestak. “Valley Forge is a natural and historical treasure, and I am very pleased that it and other great projects in our area will receive the support they need to save jobs and stimulate the economy now, while also ensuring that we pass on to our children a region and nation even greater than the one we inherited.”

The stimulus funds for Valley Forge National Historic Park are in addition to the \$1 million in funding Congressman Sestak helped secure for The Friends of Valley Forge Park’s project to rehabilitate two buildings at the Welcome Center. That project will enable more efficient and effective visitor orientation, provide adequate visitor and resource protection, and consolidate office space from several locations to reduce costs and impacts on historic structures.

Those interested in inquiring about contract work at Valley Forge National Historical Park can contact Jennifer McMenamin, Chief of Maintenance, 610-783-1023.

Area National Park Service projects receiving funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009:

Valley Forge

Complete the Rehabilitation of the Historic Valley Forge Train Station Rehabilitate Exterior at Two Historic Quarters (multiple projects) Repair and Replace Damaged Plaster and Stucco Surfaces at Multiple Historic Buildings
Valley Forge Total \$2,182,000

Delaware Water Gap

Repaint Building and Replace Inefficient Windows
Replace Roof and Exterior Siding at Headquarters (multiple projects)
Delaware Water Gap Total \$235,000

Fort Necessity
Replace Maintenance Building Oil Heating System with Geothermal System
Fort Necessity Total \$708,000

Frederick Law Olmsted
Complete Retrofit of Historic Barn for Adaptive Reuse
Frederick Law Olmsted Total \$322,000

Gettysburg
Rehabilitate Historic Daniel Klinge House For Use As Employee Quarters Replace 5,000 ft.
Deteriorated Waterline at McMillan Woods Scout Camp
Gettysburg Total \$717,000

Hopewell Furnace
Install Interior and Exterior Solar Lighting at Storage Building Prune and Remove Trees at
Upper Village Remove and Replace Roof at Historic Charcoal House Repair and Regrade
Lenape Trail Surface Repair and Replace Deteriorated Historic Windows at the Ironmasters
House Repair Electrical Wiring at Historic Iron Master's House Repair, Rehabilitate and Paint
Historic Structures (multiple projects)
Hopewell Furnace Total \$827,000

Independence
Install Equipment to Coordinate and Reduce Peak Use Loading at 92 Utility Meters Parkwide
Rehabilitate Independence Tower Stabilize and Repair Historic Cobblestones at Rose Garden
Independence Total \$5,642,000

Johnstown Flood
Reconstruct North and South Abutment Observation Platforms Replace HVAC System at
Historic Unger House and Visitor Center
Johnstown Flood Total \$396,000

Steamtown

Demolish Replace Two Condensing Towers to Protect Museum Artifacts Rehabilitate Historic Railway Coach Repair and Maintain 4 Historic Operational Locomotives and Passenger Cars
Replace Overhead Cranes Used to Move Railroad Materials
Steamtown Total \$1,192,000

Steamtown NHS

Stabilize Railroad Equipment and Remove Asbestos
Steamtown NHS Total \$2,150,000

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River

Repair and Weatherize Five Buildings (multiple projects)
Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River Total \$145,000

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

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